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- 1. The villages of Injeve, Paguljevo, Damnjan, and Inovo make up the community of Inovo and consist respectively of 120, 18 and 60 families. The Orthodox religion predominates except for a small Moslem faction of 40 families in Damnjan. The Chairman of the Community was Ilia Zaharev, and the Secretary was Georgi Vidanov. The Political Secretary of the 16-member Communist Party cell in Inovo was Risto Stoianov.
- 2. In August 1951 the collective in Inovo, established in 1947, bought a new 120-horsepower Ansaldo tractor. In 1949 and 1950 the building for the collective offices and a warehouse were completed and construction had begun on a stable. The peasants were forced to join in December 1949. In September 1951 the collective had eight work brigades, 200 sheep, and 160 cattle.
- In September 1951 the chairman of the collective was Jovan Kocev Stoianov, his assistant was Nikola Kocev Durdjiev, and the accountant was Jane Traianov Tushev.
- 4. Since the collective members in Inovo had not been in the collective three years, they did not have the right to ask to be released. However, most of them did want to leave the collective. Collective members in other villages in the Radoviste areal asked to leave the collective, but their requests were not answered by the collective board or by the District People's Council. The collective members in the various villages then sent representatives to make an appeal to the Ministry of Agriculture in Skoplje. When the representatives returned to their villages, they were arrested by the UDB. The representative of Konce, Koce Nakov, and the representative of Radoviste, Jovan Filov, were arrested when they returned to their villages.
- 5. On 10 May 1950, ten peasants from Inovo were wounded when the regional UDB Chief, Captain "Shemko" (battlename) ordered militiamen to fire on the peasants. The incident occurred during a peasant revolt which lasted from 6 to 10 May 1950. Of the Communists, Captain "Shemko" and Ilia Zahariev, Community Chairman, were wounded. Because of the revolt, on 14 May 1950, 54 peasants in the Inovo area were arrested, and two of them, Konstantin Jovanov Gonev and Donco Iliev Doncev, were executed. The

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remainder received sentences varying from 4 to 20 years' imprisonment; and they are still serving their sentences in Macadonian prisons.

- Peasants from the villages listed below were arrested during the peasant revolt in May 1950;
 - a. Zleovo 30 persons;
 - b. Pekrajcevo 10 persons;
 - c. Jargulica 30 persons;
 - d. Hakles 10 persons;
 - e. Podres 42 persons, of whom two received the death sentence;
 - f. Orahovica 62 persons, of whom two received the death sentence:
 - go Dukatino 8 persons;
 - h. Kaludjerica 25 persons, of whom two received the death sontence;
 - 1. Burlica 14 persons;
 - j. Vojislavci 10 persons;
 - k. Dammjan 20 persons;
 - 1. Bucin 12 persons; and
 - mo Topolnica 25 personso

As of September 1951 none of the persons had been released. 25X1A